

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

After the entry of this Amendment, claims 1-3, 10-11, 14-25, 42 and 45-46 are pending. Claims 1-3, 10-11, 14-24 42 and 45-46 are allowed by the Examiner as of the Advisory Action dated November 12, 2004. Claim 44 is cancelled. Claim 25 is amended.

II. This Amendment Places The Application in Condition for Allowance

Applicants thank the Examiner for the chance to Interview this case on Tuesday, September 13, 2005. During the course of this Interview, the Examiner has indicated to Applicants' Representative that the proposed amendment to claim 25 would place the application in condition for allowance.

Claim 25 is now amended as proposed during the Interview to recite that the mutant antibody comprises a reactive site with a cysteine residue, and that this reactive site interacts with a reactive group on the metal chelate. With this amendment, claim 25 is non-obvious over the combination of Reardan (*Nature*, **316**: 265-267 (1985)), Orlandi (*PNAS USA*, **86**:3833-3837 (1989)), and Pastan (U.S. Pat. No. 5,747,654). Since all the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance.

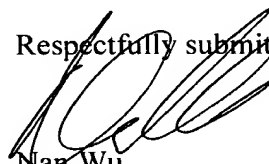
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-442-1340.

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